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SPAWAR Leadership to Change Friday

Rear Adm. Ken Slaght will assume Command

Rear Adm. John Gauss to retire

SAN DIEGO – Rear Adm. Kenneth D. Slaght will relieve Rear Adm. John A. Gauss as Commander of the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command in a Change of Command and retirement ceremony Friday at 10:00 a.m. at the Old Town Campus.

The principal speaker for the ceremony will be the acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, Mr. Paul A. Schneider.

Rear Adm. Gauss assumed command of SPAWAR March 20, 1998 and is retiring to the Washington, D.C. area after 32 years of commissioned service.

Rear Adm. Slaght became SPAWAR's Vice Commander September 14, 2000. He previously served as the command's Chief Engineer and Program Manager for the Navy Satellite Communications Program Office.

SPAWAR is one of the Department of the Navy's three major acquisition commands with an annual budget in excess of \$4.5 billion. SPAWAR operates four major systems centers in San Diego, New Orleans, Chesapeake, Va., and Charleston, S.C. employing about 8,000 people worldwide. SPAWAR's mission is to enable knowledge superiority for the warfighter through the development, acquisition and life cycle support of effective, capable and integrated Command, Control, Communications, Computers Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, Information Technology, and Space Systems.

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